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# MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

## ALEXANDRIA, VA.

# Board of Health-Appointment and Duties of (Ordinance Adopted July 23, 1912).

- Sec. 17. Board of health, with rules for its government, in reference to contagious diseases.
- (1) There shall be created and established for the city of Alexandria, a board of health, which shall consist of five members of the city council, one from each ward, and one member at large, two to be appointed from the board of aldermen and three from the common council, by the presiding officer of the respective branches of the city council. The said board of health shall be appointed within 30 days from the passage of this ordinance. The health officer shall be ex-officio member of the board of health but shall not be entitled to vote upon any question before the board. Said board of health shall be invested with all the powers and privileges incident to the creation and objects of such boards as prescribed by law, and subject to such duties as are now or may hereafter be imposed by the laws of the State of Virginia, and the ordinances of the city council.
- (2) The board of health herein provided for shall give careful attention as may be necessary looking to the health of the city and its suburbs, especially to the sanitary condition and arrangements of the city, reporting everything which in the opinion of the said board tends to the injury or detriment of the health and comfort of the people of the city, with such recommendations as they deem best for the protection or promotion of the health and general good and welfare of the people from a sanitary standpoint. Said board shall meet as often as its members may deem necessary, or at the call of the chairman, and do such matters and things within their power as may tend to the good of the city and its people. Said board shall make its rules and regulations with reference to its duties and the matters committed to it, which shall be reported to the council, and be approved of whenever proper and conformable to law. Neither said board nor health officer, nor the deputy health officer, however, shall have authority to incur debts or spend money on behalf of the city, except such as shall have been previously appropriated by the city council for such purposes.

# BAYONNE, N. J.

## Sewage—Disposal of. (Regulations Board of Health, Adopted June 20, 1912.)

SECTION 21. No person shall suffer any slops, dirty water, or other liquid or offensive substance, or otherwise nauseous or unwholesome, to flow from his or her house or premises or throw or deposit the same, or any garbage or other offensive refuse, into or upon any street, gutter, sidewalk, alley, or public ground in said city, nor shall any person place, throw, or leave any nauseous, offensive, or unwholesome matter or substance in or upon any lot or lands in said city.

All waste water shall be conveyed through sufficient drains, underground, to a common sewer, or to such reservoir, sunk underground, as may be approved by this board. And no person shall suffer any waste or stagnant water to remain in any cellar, vault, or upon any lot or vacant ground by him owned or occupied.

SEC. 22. No person, company, or corporation shall throw or deposit, or allow to run, or having the right or power to prevent the same, shall permit to be thrown or deposited

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into any waters surrounding this city, or into any sewer therewith connected, or into any street or public place, any gas tar, chemicals, acids, oils, or any refuse matter of or from any works, manufactory, mains, or pipes; or permit the escape of any offensive smoke, soot, odors, fumes, acids, or gases from their works, mains, or pipes; or permit to escape from any of their works, mains, or pipes, any smoke, soot, odors, fumes, acids, or gases dangerous or prejudicial to life or health; or fail to use the most approved of all reasonable means of preventing the escape of such smoke, soot, odors, fumes, acids, or gases.

SEC. 23. No person shall boil any offal, swill, bone, or fats saved in ordinary cooking, nor shall the business of bone crushing, bone boiling, bone grinding, bone burning, shell burning, fat burning, gut cleaning, nor the skinning or making of glue, from any dead animals or parts thereof, nor any other occupation which is dangerous or detrimental to life or health be hereafter established within said city; and no business or pursuit of the kind in this section named shall be carried on anywhere in said city, unless the same be allowed by a permit from this board, which permit shall cost the sum of \$10.

SEC. 24. No person or persons, company or incorporation shall boil, keep, store, or manufacture any offal, swill, blood, bones, fat, tallow, or lard, or any decaying animal or vegetable matter; nor shall the business of lime making, the heating, drying, storing, shipping, or transporting any blood, scrap, fat, grease, or offensive animal or vegetable matter, or manufacturing materials for manure, or any establishment or place of business for tanning, skinning, or scouring, or for dressing hides or leather, or for carrying on any offensive or noisome trade or business, be allowed or conducted in this city, without a special permit from this board to be applied for in writing, specifying the nature and precise location of the proposed business; and every such establishment shall be kept cleanly and wholesome, and be so conducted in every particular as not to be offensive or prejudicial to life or health. Said permit shall cost the sum of \$10 annually.

SEC. 25. All persons engaged in the business of rendering fat, lard, petroleum, or animal matter shall cause the scrap or residuum to be dried or otherwise prepared as effectually to deprive such material of all offensive odors, and to preserve the same entirely inoffensive, immediately after the removal thereof from the receptacles in which the rendering process may be conducted.

SEC. 26. No person, corporation, or company shall hereafter erect, start, establish, or maintain in this city, without a permit from this board, any manufactory or place of business for boiling any varnish or oil, or for the distilling of any ardent or alcoholic spirits, or for making any lampblack, turpentine, or tar, or for conducting any other business that will or does generate any unwholesome, offensive, or deleterious gas, soot, smoke, deposit, or exhalation, or any business that is or would be dangerous to life or detrimental to health. Said permit shall cost the sum of \$10 annually.

SEC. 27. No animal or vegetable substance, nor street sweeping, manure, muck or bilt, no dirt gathered in cleaning yards, building docks or slips, or waste of mills or factories, nor any materials which are offensive or tend to decay, or to become putrid, or to render the atmosphere impure or unwholesome, shall be deposited or used to fill up or raise the surface or level of any lot, grounds, docks, wharf, or pier in this city, unless pursuant to a special permit from and under the direction of this board.

SEC. 28. All carts and vehicles for carrying any garbage, nauseous or offensive substances, boxes, tubs, and receptacles in which any nauseous or offensive substance may be, or may be carried, shall be strong and tight, and the sides shall be so high above the load or contents that no part of such contents or load shall fall, leak, or spill therefrom; and either the said vehicle or vessel carried by it shall be so covered as to be inoffensive.

SEC. 29. No driver of such cart or vehicle nor any person having undertaken or being engaged about the unloading thereof, nor person engaged about cleaning or emptying, or having undertaken to empty or remove any manure, garbage, offal, or 485 March 7, 1913

the contents of any vault, sink, privy, cesspool, or any noxious or offensive substance, shall do or permit to be done about the same, or in connection therewith, that which shall be needlessly offensive or filthy in respect to any person, street, place, building, or premises.

Sec. 30. No person or persons, or corporation, its agents or servants, shall raise the surface of any ground, street, or lot, or depress or excavate the same in such manner as to permanently cause or permit noisome odors or noxious gases to rise.

Sec. 31. No person or persons shall engage in the business of transporting night soil, stable manure of any kind, swill, offal, hog hair, or any offensive or noxious substance, or in driving any cart or vehicle for such purpose, in said city, until he shall have first received a permit from this board, of such form and effect as the regulations of the board shall provide, authorizing such person so to engage.

Sec. 32. It shall be the duty of all owners, lessees, tenants, or occupants of any and all buildings in said city to keep the gutter and sidewalk in front of such buildings free from any offensive substance, liquid or solid, or any dirt, rubbish, water, or stones, or any other things dangerous to health, life, or limb.

SEC. 33. When any lot or lots, or any part or parts of any lot or lots, or any land or parts of any land, public or private, in any portion of this city, shall, from any artificial, natural or other cause whatsoever, become in whole or in part the repository of stagnant water or any decaying or offensive substance, liquid or solid, it shall be the duty of the owner or owners, lessee, tenant or occupant, or the agent of any such owner or owners, or of any other person having charge and control of such lot or lots, or part or parts of such lot or lots, or other premises, after due notice in writing from this board of the condition of such lot or lots, and asking the remedying of the same, to cause such lot or other premises herein mentioned to be filled with clay or other inoffensive and efficient substance, so as to prevent water or liquid substance from gathering or remaining on such ground or any part of the same, and to cause the proper drainage of the same, if it be found necessary to the keeping of the said ground in a dry and healthy state, and the preventing of any adjoining ground becoming flooded by reason of such filling.

SEC. 34. When any land or any buildings thereon erected shall, by reason of excavation, stoppage of natural or artificial drainage or sewerage, become covered or saturated with foul or stagnant water, or shall otherwise be dangerous to life or health, and the said premises shall, on inspection, be adjudged a nuisance by this board, it shall be lawful for this board, after due notice to the owner or person in charge of said premises, and upon his neglect or refusal to abate such nuisance, to fill in, drain, or otherwise render inoffensive the said premises; and the contractor or other person filling in or otherwise making the said premises inoffensive, shall file an account of the expense therefor in the office of this board, which said account shall be recorded in a properly indexed book by the clerk of this board, together with the resolution of this board adjudicating the same to be a nuisance, a description of said premises and the names of its owner or owners (which names shall be properly indexed in said book), together with a report of the health officer or agent, that the nuisance aforesaid has been properly abated; and the expense thereof may be recovered by action at law, as this board may direct.

SEC. 35. It shall be the duty of every owner, lessee, or tenant of any vacant, sunken, or excavated lot in said city to keep the same at all times clean and inoffensive, and when required by this board, to provide around the same a proper fence, so as to effectually prevent the throwing or depositing therein or thereupon any garbage or offensive thing whatsover, and also to prevent persons passing from falling into such excavation.

Sec. 36. No offal, blood, scrap, guts, fat, or refuse of slaughterhouses shall be transported through, brought in, or allowed to be brought into said city without a permit in writing from this board, which permit shall cost the sum of \$5 annually.

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SEC. 37. No person or persons shall gather, collect, accumulate, store, expose, carry, or transport in any manner through the streets and public places of this city, or in or to any tenement house, cellar, or house, or in any lot or yard in said city any bones, refuse, or offensive material without a special permit in writing from this board, in accordance with the conditions and subject to the limitations thereof, and in such manner as not to cause offensive odors or any nuisance whatsoever.

SEC. 38. No lager beer, ale, porter, or other brewery, nor any slaughterhouse, nor any manufactory or other establishment having quantities of liquid and waste substances or slops to be disposed of, shall draw off, cast off, or allow to run from said brewery, slaughterhouse, manufactory, or other establishment in the city of Bayonne any liquid substance or any other matter into any sewer, drainpipe, or cesspool or other conductor, unless the same shall be so constructed and made as to be watertight and will convey said liquid substance or other matter without leakage or escape therefrom; nor unless the said sewer, drainpipe, cesspool, or other conductor be securely and properly connected with some capable and efficient sewer draining its contents into the water surrounding this city, so as to prevent said liquid substances or other matter from flowing in and becoming exposed on any vacant lot or lots, or ground, or other place, public or private, in said city.

SEC. 39. No works for the manufactory of the substance known as poudrette or for the conversion of night soil into any form of fertilizer or guano shall be allowed to be operated or maintained by any owner, agent, employee, or other person in the city of Bayonne except by the permit of this board and during the time for which such permit may have been given and remain unrescinded.

Sec. 40. The owners, lessees, tenants, and managers of every blacksmith or other shop, forge, coal yard, foundry, manufactory, and premises where any business is done or in or upon which an engine or boilers are used shall cause all ashes, cinders, rubbish, dirt, and refuse to be removed to some proper place, so that the same shall not accumulate on any of the above-mentioned premises or in the appurtenances thereof, nor the same become filthy or offensive. Nor shall any smoke, soot, cinders, dust, gas, steam, or offensive odor be allowed to escape from any building, place, or premises to the detriment or annoyance of any person not being therein or thereupon engaged, and every furnace employed in the working of engines by steam, gas, or oil or in any mill, factory, printing house, dye factory, iron foundry, glass house, distillery, brew house, sugar refinery, bake house, gas works, or in any other buildings used for the purpose of trade or manufacture shall be so constructed as not to cause smoke, soot, odors, fumes, or gases, to the detriment of human life or health; and where such smoke, soot, or cinders escape from said building, shop, or manufactory, to the annoyance and detriment of the neighbors, this board shall have the power to close the same at once and until the nuisance is abated.

# BELLEVUE, OHIO.

## Health Officer—Duties of (Regulation Board of Health adopted March 21, 1912).

Section 1. The health officer shall be executive officer of the health department and as such shall enforce all the rules and regulations of the board of health, statutes, and all ordinances relating to the public health. He shall also carry out the requests of the State board of health. As executive officer he shall maintain proper discipline among subordinate officers and employees in the department, and such discipline shall relate both to decorum and performance of duty. He shall direct the work in each branch of the department consistent with the rules of the board to the end of securing the best public service. To direct this work, ample time shall be devoted to visiting dairies, dairymen, and milk venders, in going over the districts covered by the sanitary police, in visiting markets, stock yards, stores and slaughter houses, restaurants, bakeries, etc., to keep in touch with the sanitary conditions and with the duties performed by various officials.